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WEEK 2
PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

I am safe because God watches over me.

THE BIBLE

The Lord is My Shepherd: Psalm 23; (Philippians 4:6-7, 19)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Simon Says
- **ACTIVITY** | Step By Step

TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | Sing to God!
- **THE BIG IDEA** | I am safe because God watches over me.
- **VIDEO** | Sing, Episode 2
- **SCRIPTURE** | Psalm 23
- **ACTIVITY** | Find the Sheep
- **PRAYER**

DISCUSSION TIME

- **SNACK** | Sharing Time
- **ACTIVITY** | Story Cards
- **ACTIVITY** | Circle Time
- **MEMORY VERSE** | At the Opera

PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- **ACTIVITY** | Sheep Craft
- **ACTIVITY** | Shepherds and Farmers

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WEEK 2
HACKS FOR TODDLERS



BY CASSANDRA MOTON

HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

ACTIVITY | Simon Says

Keep this simple. "Simon says touch your nose, touch your toes, touch your ears," etc.

ACTIVITY | Find the Sheep

Consider hiding a stuffed animal in the room instead. Show the kids the stuffed animal. Have the kids sit and cover their eyes so they can't see. Then "hide" the stuffed animal in a place that is easy for the kids to reach and find. Play two or three times.

ACTIVITY | Story Cards

Pick just three story card to review with the kids.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

When a kid gets the ball, say "God watches over _____"(say the kids name) then encourage the kids to cheer. Pass the ball again until everyone has been included.

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Simon Says

- To get us ready for what we'll learn today, let's play a game!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a game of "Simon Says" with the kids. Make things more challenging as you go along. Be creative!*
    - 🛠 **TODDLER HACK:** *Keep this simple. "Simon says touch your nose, touch your toes, touch your ears," etc.*
- It's not always easy to follow rules and directions, is it? But rules and directions are important. They help us learn how to do new things and they help keep us safe.

ACTIVITY | Step By Step

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Place an object in a highly visible, but somewhat distant place. Tell the kids the challenge is to get from where they are now to the other side and pick up the object but they have to wear a blindfold! Ask for a volunteer who is willing to try. Place a blindfold on and turn them around one time. Then, let them try to retrieve the object. Make sure they don't run into anything or hurt themselves. Stop them after a few moments and say, "Great job trying!" Tell them to put the blindfold back on and guide them step by step until they have the object.*
- It is easier to do something when someone guides you, isn't it? I was watching over you to make sure you didn't get hurt and you knew the right way to go.

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TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Sing to God!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sing and dance along to some praise songs with your kids! Choose any song(s) you and your kids like, but you might want to include "My God is Number One" by Yancy (video) and/or "Do Not Give Up" by KidSpring Children's Ministry (video).*

THE BIG IDEA | I am safe because God watches over me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Use hand motions to help the kids remember the Big Idea.*
- **I am safe** [Hug yourself.]
- **because God** [Point up to the sky.]
- **watches over me!** [Make your hands into a binocular shape over your eyes to look through.]

VIDEO | Sing, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool teaching video.*

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 23

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible. Print or project these story cards as you tell the story. It may be easier to print the story cards before and write or print the Bible verses that go with the picture on the back of the card.*
- God loves us and takes care of us the same way a shepherd loves and takes care of sheep. Sheep don't always know how to take care of themselves, so they always need a shepherd looking out for them.
- We are all a lot like sheep because we need help sometimes, too. It's a good thing we have a great shepherd like God to take care of us!

ACTIVITY | Find the Sheep

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit the kids in a circle. Choose one kid to volunteer to close his/her eyes or tell them to turn around so they can't see. Give one kid a toy sheep or another similar Playskool-type toy that is small enough to fit in a kid's hand. Tell the volunteer to open their eyes or turn around and guess three times who has the sheep.*
    - 🛠 **TODDLER HACK:** *Consider hiding a stuffed animal in the room instead. Show the kids the stuffed animal. Have the kids sit and cover their eyes so they can't see. Then "hide" the stuffed animal in a place that is easy for the kids to reach and find. Play two or three times.*
- God always knows where we are, and God is always watching over you! You are safe because God is watching over you!

PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for always watching over me. I know we are always safe because You never leave us and You are always watching over us.

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DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Sharing Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to each kid. As the kids eat their snacks, ask them the following question about the Bible story.*
- In our Bible story today, we read God prepares a table for us (Psalm 23:5). **What are your favorite foods you'd like to see on that table?**
- God cares so much about us, even down to what we eat! God is always watching over us!

ACTIVITY | Story Cards

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit the kids in a circle. Place the story cards you used to tell the Bible story in the center of the circle Place the pictures face up so everyone can see them. Ask a volunteer to pick a story card and pass it down to you. Hold up the story card for everyone in the group to see and ask kids what is happening in each picture.*
    - 🛠 **TODDLER HACK:** *Pick just three story card to review with the kids.*
- God watches over you and me just like a shepherd watches over sheep. God loves us so much! I am safe because God watches over me!

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit the kids in a circle. Roll a small, soft ball to a kid and tell them to say: "God watches over me when I _____" (Insert something you do during the day. Examples: eat lunch, brush my teeth, go to the park, etc.). Tell them to roll the ball to another kid and repeat the process until everyone has had a turn.*
    - 🛠 **TODDLER HACK:** *When a kid gets the ball, say "God watches over _____"(say the kids name) then encourage the kids to cheer. Pass the ball again until everyone has been included.*
- **Does God always watch over you?**
- **Is God ever not watching over you?**
- You can always feel safe knowing God is watching over you!

MEMORY VERSE | At the Opera

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Since this series is called, "Sing!" try different ways to sing the memory verse. You can use the same melody you made last week or a new one to sing the memory verse like an opera singer! Encourage kinds to try with you.*

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PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!*

ACTIVITY | Sheep Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give a copy of this week's printable to each kid. Give the kids cotton balls and glue sticks to stick the cotton balls onto the sheep paper to make their own sheep.*

ACTIVITY | Shepherds and Farmers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put out a farm set with different kinds of animals and a fence (if you don't have a set, you can always improvise by mixing different toys and use blocks as fence). Have kids play with the toy animals and give them prompts as they play to "take care" of them (e.g., "It's feeding time!").*

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.

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